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Karnataka sends BJP packing from South

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B'luru, a quiet place?

Pollution Board data shows 2 labelled silent zones in city are truly noise-free; citizens around areas and experts not so sure about that

Students hold placards for a no-honking campaign at Millers Road (file photo)

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The designated silent zones of the city have gone quieter over the last few months, shows the data from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB). If the monthly noise pollution data is anything to go by, the decibel values measured by noise monitoring stations of KSPCB at NIMHANS and RVCE, Mysore Road – two labeled silent zones in the city – are close to becoming truly silent.

Noise levels measured by the stations for April show that while the daytime average decibel value at NIMHANS was 40.5 dB, the nighttime average decibel level was 49 dB. Similarly, while the daytime average decibel value recorded at RVCE, Mysore Road was 50.5 dB, the night-time value was found to be 48.3 dB.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) specifications, the permissible sound level (dB) in a silent zone during the day is 50 dB, and during the night-time is 40 dB.

While the noise levels recorded by monitoring stations at NIMHANS have been showing a downward trend since September last year, the last recorded monthly average decibel values at RVCE were 81.2 dB during the day and 79.4 dB during the night.

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Turn the volume down
City is in no mood to quiet down as vehicular noise pollution does not seem to be on pollution board and traffic police radar

Just in April, BM had reported about noise levels rising in silent zones

Higher officials from the Bengaluru Traffic Police West zone say although there is no direct crackdown on vehicular noise pollution, measures taken up to ease traffic at junctions might have contributed to this drop.

"We have considerably reduced vehicular wait time at traffic signals in this part of the city by tweaking the signals. Straight road congestion has also been brought down by curtailing the movement of heavy vehicles between 8 am and 11 am. Lesser traffic obstruction might also lead to this drop in decibel level," said a BTP west zone official.

> **"Either KSPCB's equipment needs recalibration, or some local factor must be interfering with the sensors** – Rajkumar Dugar, C4C

However, anti-noise pollution activists and citizens say there is no apparent reduction in noise pollution levels in these areas. A drop of nearly 30 decibels is a considerable drop and would have been apparent.

"There is no seeming drop in noise level in the area. With a higher number of vehicles on the road, vehicular noise appears to have rather gone up. When clubbed with RVCE metro station and spurt in construction activities, the noise level has gone up," said an employee of an organisation in the area. Experts say with incessant honking, rampant use of multitonal horns and shrill horns, and lax enforcement, this drop in decibel level points to a faulty reading.

"Either KSPCB's equipment needs recalibration, or some local factor must be interfering with the sensors. They also need to look at the placement of the equipment. There is absolutely no reduction in noise level anywhere in the city. While a handful of electric vehicles on the roads are surely not adding to the vehicular noise, that cannot account for a drop of 30 dB," said Rajkumar Dugar, an anti-noise pollution activist and founder of Citizen 4 Citizen.

He said that loud, shrill, and multitonal horns are still being sold and used rampantly. "When coupled with zero enforcement, there is no reason for the decibel levels to go down," he said.

Doctor-moms struggling to find work-life balance

61% of the respondents want flexible work hours; 20% stress on importance of mental health support

Sixty-five per cent of 500 doctor-mothers surveyed in key metropolitan and Tier-2 cities experience burnout while striving to balance their personal and professional lives, a new study has found. The study, conducted by Gurugram-based Pristyn Care and Lybrate Data, said 41 per cent of the doctor-moms have experienced workplace discrimination for "being a doctor and a mother". The study was conducted in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bengaluru, Kanpur, Chandigarh, Patna, Kochi and Vijayawada.

An average of 63 per cent of the doctors work eight to 12 hours daily, impacting their ability to achieve satisfactory work-life harmony. Over 50 per cent of these professionals struggle to find time for self-care, it said.

To address these issues, 61 per cent of the respondents prefer flexible work hours while around 20 per cent emphasise the importance of mental health support.

Dr Garima Sawhney, co-founder and gynaecologist at Pristyn Care, said, "The study aims to understand how doctor-moms navigate their personal and professional lives. We considered their work hours, preferences for scheduling, self-care practices and perspectives on HR policies. "An overwhelming 80 per cent of the participants say workplaces should provide targeted support and resources specifically tailored for doctor-moms." With the COVID-19 pandemic amplifying the challenges faced by healthcare practitioners, family support has emerged as a vital pillar in the careers of successful doctors, the study said. – PTI

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02 Art and crafts

The Bengaluru Dastkar Bazaar is back. This time around more than 150 craft groups and entrepreneurs from 25+ states across India will come together to showcase their unique creations. The 2023 bazaar will feature 30+ craft groups, showcasing their products in Bengaluru for the first time. There will also be loads of workshops for adults and kids. **Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel; When: May 23–29, 10.30 am – 8.30 pm**

03 Movie time

Are you up for a special screening of the movie 'The Proposal' under the sky amidst a lazy and relaxed seating with your favourite buddies or that special someone? For a fun night out, book your tickets at book my show. **Where: Nexus Koramangala Mall; When: May 19, 7 pm onwards**

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Ways you can make mommy dear feel special

As today is Mother's Day and we are sure, it has got you thinking of the very many possible ways to celebrate the day and make your lady love – your mother, feel special. As we approach such special occasions, more often than not, our mind inclines towards the 'gifting' option, and we quickly head to a mall nearby to pick the best-of-best presents. While that's great, take a pause and think about what will make your mother the happiest; surprising her with a gift is great but actually taking a day out solely for her is the best thing that you can do for her. Time is what everyone wishes to seek some more of, from their loved ones and trust us when we say this – a little more of your time is what your mother is always scouting for. So, give her the gift of quality time this Mother's Day that will spark a whole new level of joy and jubilance in her heart. Make the best out of your time with these five ideas.

Couple cooking

Okay okay, it's about time you put your mum's distress to rest and finally get cooking. Yep, cooking. Okay, don't panic – your mom also would want you to enjoy the process. So, ask her to help you out and create a platter of delicacies together. This way, you get to spend some time cooking with one another while you learn to cook … and make note of some of her culinary hacks too.

A mum & daughter spa date

A mother's self-care sessions are (always) long-due – that's God's truth. While she may procrastinate hitting the salon all by herself, she's definitely not thinking twice if she has you along. What are you waiting for? Go book an appointment at her (or your) favourite salon and enjoy an afternoon filled with relaxation, some massages, a good facial – basically a whole lot of self-care and be the ultimate #BFFGoals.

A fun game session

It's time to normalise chucking the phone screens and actually indulging in some fun thing IRL – playing a fun game, for instance. Your mum will totally be on board with this idea. A very cool and interesting thing to do would be to get creative with the LEGO flower bouquet building kit. The fun game is themed around all things flowers and botanicals (a treat for your mum if she's a sucker for flowers), where you build a beautiful vase full of blooms, brick by brick. Now, how fab does that sound?

Chat over coffee

Who's better to have a heart-to-heart conversation with than your darling mom? Take Mother's Day as a chance to drive her to a good café, that's perfect to unwind over a cuppa coffee, as our mums would like. The point is to communicate and catch up on every little bit of each other's life, which otherwise becomes difficult amidst the busy schedules.

Indulge in DIY beauty

Your mother is going to love this … and so is your skin. She's been asking you to give that haldi ubtan (turmeric paste) a shot, right? So go ahead and do it with her. **–Femina**

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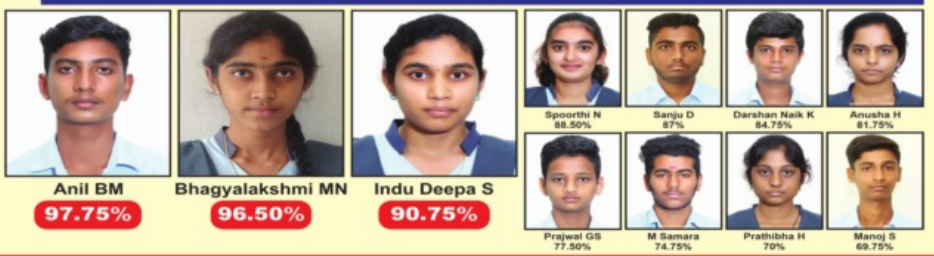

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Mother's Day special! 8 unique ways to spend the day with your mom

If you've been gifting your mom the same expensive gifts and flowers every year for Mother's Day, how about you do something different this year, something more personal? Curious? Check out these fun activities that you can surprise your mum with.

Plan a staycay

You know how they surprise people in movies by whisking them away to fabulous destinations? How about doing the exact same thing to your mum this weekend? Look up interesting properties at hill stations around you, research activities that you can do like hiking, cycling around the place, touring tea gardens, and book the two of you in for a memorable getaway!

Help with her to-do list

While some moms crave time away from household chores on Mother's Day, others might want nothing more than a helping hand. So, take charge of your mum's chores for the day like doing the laundry, fixing the bulb etc, and we're sure she'll appreciate the gesture.

Unwind with LEGO bricks

What better way to unwind than by sitting together with your mum and building something lovely? We also highly recommend you gift your mum a box of LEGO flower bouquet kit, or LEGO bonsai tree kit so that she can take some time off from her busy schedule and enjoy some much-needed me-time.

Plan a movie marathon

This is perhaps the easiest way to spend time and bond with your mother. Make a Mother's Day movie marathon and include movies like Baby Boom, We Are Family, order in some Sushi and cold slushies, and laze in front of the TV all day long.

Bake her a cake

When was the last time you baked something special for your mother? Yes, you can always buy a fancy cake with sprinkles, but trust us when we say that your mom will appreciate the thought and effort you put in to do something for her. We're not saying you bake her an elaborate 4-tier cake, a small sweetly decorated chocolate one will do just fine.

Gift her a membership

Most mothers forget to take care of themselves, which is why gifting her a pilates or Zumba membership would be ideal. What'll make it perfect is if you enroll yourself in the same class, so that the two of you can take up the activity together!

Plan a picnic

There's nothing like spending the day in the garden with your family, right? Look for a great picnic spot, pack some yummy lunch for all, a few board games, and cold drinks to sip on, and you're all in for a fabulous time! Also, if you can't think of any spots, there's no reason why you can't have a picnic right in your backyard!

Explore outdoors

Look for interesting trails nearby and start the day with a long hike or short walk. It'll feel great doing the activity with your mother. **–Femina**

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If you are going this way, be prepared for delays

Congestion on Banaswadi Main Road causes inconveniences to residents; most parents are scared to let children take the accident-prone route

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Residents of Banaswadi say that the area is becoming increasingly congested due to traffic, increasing the risk of accidents in the region. They also claim that the commute, which should usually take 20 minutes due to heavy traffic congestion in the area, takes them around 45 minutes.

Amrutha, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror that Banaswadi Main Road near Srinidhi Upchar Hotel is an accident-prone area, and she is scared to go there.

"Every other day some small accident takes place in front of the hotel, and there is always a heavy flow of traffic. It increases during peak office hours, and we are even scared to let our children go that way. Some kind of signal or traffic light is required in the area to prevent these accidents.

"My wife goes to MG Road, so we take that road a lot, and it takes more than 40 minutes, but it's possibly a 20-minute route – Abhilash, a resident

As of now, I am not aware if people have approached the authorities regarding this, but we do require more traffic police on the ground as well," she said. Other residents added that the SMVT Flyover needs to be restructured and redesigned.

Residents say that Banaswadi Main Road require traffic lights and more traffic police on the ground, as the area is becoming increasingly congested due to traffic

According to Abhilash, another resident, there is only entry and exit on the flyover, which needs to be changed because that is what is causing the congestion, and it's a bottleneck as it is a narrow flyover.

"For people using that railway station, it would be tough. We had submitted a proposal regarding that, but as of now we have not heard back from the authorities. My wife goes to MG Road, so we take that road a lot, and it takes more than 40 minutes, but it's possibly a 20-minute route," he said.

Furthermore, many said that the Banaswadi bridge underpass is always crowded and there are no policemen in sight. "There is nobody to decongest the road. A commute that should take 15 minutes now takes half an hour. I think that there should be more traffic signals and policemen," a resident informed anonymously.

'Crack down on illegal set-up in tiger reserve'

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With wildlife conservationists on their toes, the issue of illegal resorts, homestays, hotels, and lodges operating within the enclosure of Biligiri Ranga Temple (BRT) tiger reserve in Chamarajanagar district is getting proper attention. After the regional National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) submitted a report to NTCA headquarters on illegal operations inside the tiger reserve, NTCA has now written to the Chief Wildlife Warden of Karnataka to take appropriate action against the establishment.

The letter dated May 11, 2023, has appealed to the department to take action based on the report submitted by AIG, NTCA regional office regarding the presence of illegal lodges, hotels, and resorts in the enclosure of the reserve.

This happened after the illegal operations around the reserve were flagged by Giridhar Kulkarni, a wildlife conservationist in the area, through a written complaint. An NTCA team led by Harini Venugopal, assistant inspector general of forests, then conducted a detailed inquiry regarding the presence of illegal operations in enclosures of BRT and prepared the said report. In the report, NTCA highlighted that as many as nine resorts, homestays, and hotels are operating illegally from the enclosure.

Section 33 of the Wildlife Protection Act clearly states that establishments inside an eco-sensitive zone require permission

"Since the time these establishments had started operation, tourism pressure had gone up. The BRT is an important part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve and connects the eastern ghats with the western ghats. It is an important habitat for tigers and elephants, and thus the illegal establishments must be evicted as soon as possible," said Kulkarni. While the forest department always acknowledged the issue, other government bodies such as Karnataka Revenue Department and the tourism department failed in their duties, leading to mushrooming of illegal establishments, he added.

"In the case of BRT, while the resorts, homestays, and lodges are within the enclosure of the reserve, they are on private lands. Section 33 of the Wildlife Protection Act clearly states that such establishments inside an eco-sensitive zone require permission from the National Board of Wildlife. The forest department also conducted an independent inquiry and found irregularities concerning these tourism establishments. While the authorities had written to the revenue department requesting them to cancel the land conversion order and evict them, the revenue department failed to take action," he informed.

In its report submitted to NTCA headquarters on November 28, 2022, the regional office also observed that since the area with illegal constructions is an extremely important elephant habitat and is part of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve, a monitoring committee must review the matter keeping the protection and conservation of elephants in mind.

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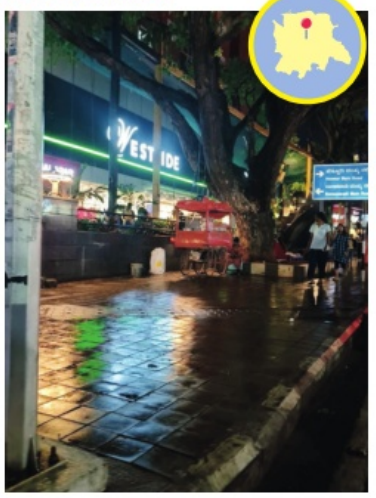
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This pavement at Gaurav Nagar, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, meant for pedestrians, is being used as a Yulu parking zone.

CONSUMER CONNECT INITIATIVE

Nurturing the nurturer

City doctors make valuable suggestions for better understanding of women's health

It is a special Sunday today, as it is a tribute to every mother. So, we wish every mother a happy Mother's Day. On Mother's Day, we celebrate motherhood, which is a great gift because it brings a lot of changes in women like joy, happiness, bonding, attachment, caring, and sacrifice.

Dr Vijaya Meenakshi, Consultant-Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Manipal Hospital, Varthur), said, "For a better understanding of women's health and pregnancy, we need to know the importance of women's health throughout her life, not only during pregnancy and post-delivery. As a woman plans to become a mother, there are certain things that she needs to know, accept, and adopt. Women must know about pre-pregnancy basic health checks so that they can ensure a safe pregnancy and a healthy baby."

She added that a pre-pregnancy health check-up identifies pre-existing health conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure, rules out anaemia, thyroid-related issues, and vitamin deficiencies, and teaches women to handle pre-existing medical conditions like asthma, seizures, etc.

Pregnancy check-ups are advised periodically every month until the seventh month of pregnancy, later fortnightly, followed by weekly checks for a safe pregnancy.

"To take relevant medical advice regarding pregnancy test schedules, including ultrasound, medications, exercise, nutritional advice, counselling, and the dos and don'ts, pregnant women also require the help and support of expert doctors, dedicated nurses, and an NICU team for a healthy mother and baby. Post-delivery, the mother's physical and mental health need to be taken care of. They should also be aware of the techniques to nurture and feed a baby, care, changes in the mother's physiology, nutrition, post-natal exercise, and follow-up of any medical condition if needed, like gestational diabetes, thyroid issues, heart-related issues, seizures, etc., as well as the birth spacing methods and options, like permanent and temporary ones, so that the family is well-planned and prevents unwanted pregnancy," she explained.

According to experts, self-care is essential for new mothers

There is a need for regular health check-ups, regular exercise, getting a breast and cervical cancer screening, getting early attention and treatment for heavy menstrual bleeding, fibroids, endometriosis, prolapsed uterus, urinary incontinence, and refraining from smoking and other social habits. Don't ignore menopausal symptoms, get them treated, and have a healthy life, she informed.

Furthermore, Dr N Sapna Lulla (Lead Consultant - Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aster CMI Hospital) said there are multiple reasons why postpartum therapy is essential for mothers.

"The postpartum period can be overwhelming and stressful for new mothers. Postpartum therapy can help manage the transition by providing coping mechanisms and emotional support. Postpartum depression affects up to 20 per cent of new mothers. Therapy can help identify and address symptoms early on to prevent long-term consequences. This therapy can help new mothers navigate the challenges of bonding with their newborns, especially for those who have had complicated births or traumatic experiences," she explained.

The arrival of a new baby can put a strain on relationships. Therapy can help couples communicate effectively and strengthen their bond. Self-care is essential for new mothers, but it can be challenging to prioritise amidst the demands of caring for a newborn. Therapy can provide guidance on self-care practises and help new mothers prioritise their well-being. Hence, postpartum therapy is an essential component of postpartum care that can help new mothers navigate the challenges of motherhood, she added.

–Prakash VL

Healthy & financially sound gift options for mum

Searching for an appropriate Mother's Day gift for your mom? We have some suggestions that can have a long-term impact on your mother's finances. Answer these questions to arrive at the right answer.

Does your mother have health insurance? No: Health insurance is necessary for everyone. Adequate health insurance cover can sometimes make the difference between life and death. Don't rely on group covers alone. Buy health insurance for your mom as a Mother's Day gift. A cover of Rs 10 lakh for a person in her fifties and in normal health will cost roughly Rs 15,000-20,000 a year. If she is older, the premium would be higher but don't let that deter you. While you are buying health cover for your mom, also include your father in the plan.

Does your mother have health insurance? Yes: You can book a full body medical check-up for your mom.

–ETOnline

VOICES

We contested Karnataka polls with love, not hate. Market of hate has been shut, shop of love has been opened

–Rahul Gandhi

I will take the full responsibility of loss of my party in the elections. We will do a detailed analysis once the full result comes

–Basavaraj S Bommai

I had promised. I have kept my word of achieving victory in the state to Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge

–DK Shivakumar

Victory and defeat aren't new to BJP. Party workers need not panic. I respectfully accept this verdict

–BS Yediyurappa

The Karnataka result is a stepping stone to the 2024 Lok Sabha general elections. I hope Rahul Gandhi becomes PM

–Siddaramaiah

A THUMPING VICTORY

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With the Congress wresting control of Karnataka, the BJP has lost the only southern state it had controlled. Now, the big question is who will be the Chief Minister as both Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar have openly expressed their willingness for the top post.

A Congress legislature party meeting will select the next CM. Siddaramaiah stated on Saturday that the high command will take the opinion of newly elected MLAs and a decision would be taken accordingly. The observers will be sent here by the high command and a decision would be taken later after consultations and due process. On the other hand, Shivakumar also maintained that the high command will take a call.

Power sharing formula

Sources said that the Congress party does not want to take any chances in Karnataka. Sources explained that the high command is coming up with a 50:50 formula for Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah, as the stakes are huge for the party in the run-up to the Lok Sabha elections.

Emotional DKS

Often seen as a tough man, the world got a glimpse of DK Shivakumar's emotional side as he broke down after the results. The veteran, who has often alleged that the BJP had hatched a conspiracy and gave him options of going to prison or joining BJP (he chose the former), had spent time in Tihar jail. He had vowed to not shave his beard until they won the elections.

With the state assembly elections touted as a trailer for the 2024 polls, the stakes are high as to who will be become the CM of Karnataka

BJP vs Congress in Bengaluru

Bengaluru has been an important segment for political parties with 28 Assembly segments up for grabs. Following the final result, around 15 segments were won by BJP while 13 went to Congress. Surprisingly, JDS lost its ground in the city despite having a strong Vokkaliga voter base. In Bengaluru City, SR Vishwanath (Yelahanka), Satish Reddy (Bommanahalli), Dr CN Ashwath Narayan (Malleswaram), Byrati Basavaraj (KR Puram) and ST Somashekar (Yeswanthpur) continued their winning streak. For Congress, veteran leader Ramalinga Reddy (BTM Layout), Krishna Byre Gowda (Byatarayanapura), M Krishnappa (Vijaynagar) steered the grand old party to victory.

BIG winners & losers

DK SHIVAKUMAR, Congress

The last few years has been testing times for KPCC President DK Shivakumar who had faced a series of investigations by the Income Tax and Enforcement Directorate and was even briefly lodged in Tihar jail. Taking over as the president of Karnataka unit, he steered the party to victory. Now, the question is if he gets the coveted position of Chief Minister.

SIDDARAMAIAH, Congress

Despite being the second Chief Minister in Karnataka to win the five-year term, Siddaramaiah could not steer his party to victory in 2018. There was a lot of confusion over which assembly segment he could contest from. Initially, he wanted to contest from Kolar but shifted to Varuna.

LAXMAN SAVADI, Congress

For long, Savadi has been a BJP loyalist but quit the party when he was denied the ticket. Savadi took it as a challenge, quit his MLC post and joined Congress party to contest from Athani. Despite campaigning from BJP top leaders, Savadi managed to emerge victorious. It is not just a political victory but a personal victory for him too.

G JANARDHANA REDDY,
Kalyana Rajya Pragati Paksha

Though his newly founded party Kalyana Rajya Pragati Paksha failed to make a big impact, it certainly did eat a section of votes of the saffron party. Despite challenges from all fronts, he managed to win as an MLA from Gangavathi constituency. When everyone had written him off, he became the lone fighter for his party.

LOSERS

BASAVARAJ S BOMMAI, BJP

Though Bommai managed to win from Shiggaon constituency, he could not steer the party to victory. As a CM, he had a tough task with a volley of allegations against his government. The BJP high command had replaced BS Yediyurappa with Bommai hoping that he would consolidate Lingayat votes but Bommai failed to live up to the party's or people's expectations.

NIKHIL KUMARASWAMY, JD(S)

Nikhil has appeared for the second time in a political test. Nikhil was earlier expected to win the Mandya parliamentary seat which was considered as a JD(S) stronghold. However, he had to lose in front of Sumalatha, an independent candidate. So, his family hoped for a safe seat and his mother Anita Kumaraswamy vacated her seat but Nikhil was unlucky.

HD KUMARASWAMY, JD(S)

He was expected to be either a king or a kingmaker as JD(S)was to play a crucial role. However, the party's performance has been lower than expected and less than the last time. Though HDK managed to win from Channapatna, his party's performance has been dismal one this time.

V SOMANNA, BJP

Somanna had to vacate his stronghold Govindarajanagar constituency and was given twin tasks of contesting from Varuna and Chamarajanagar. However, Somanna was drubbed in both the seats.

BC NAGESH, BJP

The state education minister lost to the Congress's K Shadakshari, from Tumakuru's Tiptur constituency by a wide margin of 17,652 votes.

K SUDHAKAR, BJP

The Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education lost to the Congress' Pradeep Eshwar in Chikkaballapur.

OTHERS

Other high-profile ministers like Murugesh Nirani, Minister of Large and Medium Industries, Transport Minister B Sriramulu, former Assembly speaker Vishweshwara Hegde Kageri and BJP General secretary CT Ravi also lost the elections, pointing to a strong anti-incumbency wave in the state.

Families who won and lost

The 2023 Karnataka elections have thrown up some interesting results especially for a few family members who can now head together to the Vidhana Soudha.

For example, Congress's KH Muniyappa who contested from Devanahalli (after shifting from Kolar parliamentary seat) tasted victory while his daughter Roopakala Shashidhar won from KGF constituency. The father-daughter duo will be joined by another duo: Ramalinga Reddy who won from BTM Layout constituency along with his daughter Soumya Reddy who was leading.

M Krishnappa won from Vijayanagar constituency while his son Priya Krishna won from the neighbouring Govindarajanagar constituency. GT Deve Gowda **(bottom inset)** won from Chamundeshwari constituency while his son GD Harish Gowda won from Hunsur constituency. The senior most MLA Shamanur Shivashankarappa won from Davanagere South while his son SS Mallikarjun from Davanagere North constituency.

However, not every family member was lucky. While JD(S)'s HD Kumaraswamy won from Channapatna constituency trouncing BJP candidate CP Yogeshwar, his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy lost from the neighbouring Ramanagar constituency.

G Janardhana Reddy **(inset top)** who floated his party Kalyana Rajya Pragathi Paksha (KRPP) a months ago, won from Gangavathi while his wife Lakshmi Aruna lost from Ballari City. Surprisingly, Janardhana Reddy's brothers (G Somashekara Reddy lost in Ballari while Karunakar Reddy tasted defeat in Harapanahalli constituency) were losers as well though they contested from BJP.

On the other hand, former Chief Minister S Bangarappa's children had a straight fight in Soraba constituency. Kumar Bangarappa who had won in 2018 lost to his younger brother Madhu Bangarappa this time.

A few of the family members sacrificed their seats so that their family members could win. BJP's tall leader BS Yediyurappa had left his seat in Shikaripura for his son BY Vijayendra who won. On the other hand, Yatheendra had vacated his seat Varuna for his father Siddaramaiah and ensured his father tasted victory. However, Anand Singh who vacated his seat for son Siddharth Singh but his son lost to Congress.

While several families tasted success together, others were not so lucky and lost out

The Final Tally

Party	Seats	Votes (in %)
Congress	136	42.88
BJP	65	36
JDS	19	13.3
KRPP	1	-
Sarvodaya	1	-
Independents	2	-
AAP	0	0.58

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K.H.Puttaswamy Gowda's Unprecedented Victory in Gauribidanur Constituency

Gauribidanur: In a surprising turn of events, independent candidate K.H.Puttaswamy Gowda has emerged victorious in the fiercely contested Gauribidanur constituency during the 2023 assembly elections. Gowda secured an astounding 83,837 votes, marking an unprecedented triumph. His rival, N.H.Shivashankar Reddy, a former MLA from the constituency, garnered 46,551 votes, resulting in a substantial margin of victory of 37,826 votes for Gowda.

Gowda's triumph in Congress stronghold

Gauribidanur Assembly Constituency has long been considered a stronghold of the Congress party, with N.H.Shivashankar Reddy being elected as an MLA for the constituency five times. However, the undefeated leader faced a surprising defeat at the hands of independent candidate K.H.Puttaswamy Gowda, who broke the Congress stronghold. With this victory, Shivashankar Reddy who has never experienced defeat during his 25-year rule, now Gowda etches his name into the history of Gauribidanur. The achievement of breaking Congress' dominance in the constituency marks a significant milestone in Gauribidanur's political landscape.

Emphasis on Service Work

Gowda's journey into the Gauribidanur constituency began four years ago with the aim of establishing a solar plant. However, he soon shifted his focus to community service without any political motives. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Gowda dedicated himself to distributing free food kits, providing health check-ups, offering free ambulance services, facilitating cremations of those who succumbed to the virus, extending financial aid to affected families, and promoting educational development for their children. These efforts played a crucial role in securing Gowda's victory.

Mass Leader

Gowda's unwavering commitment to serving the community has endeared him to people from all walks of life in Gauribidanur. His genuine humility, integrity, and ability to translate promises into actions have earned him the deep respect and admiration of the electorate, ultimately propelling him to become the chosen representative of the Gauribidanur constituency. His resounding victory stands as a powerful testament to the overwhelming support and trust bestowed upon him by the people.

Victory with Impressive Stride

Puttaswamy Gowda maintained a consistent lead throughout the vote counting process, securing victory without encountering any setbacks in any round. His unwavering support propelled him to become the independent MLA of the constituency.

A Gentleman's Political Journey

K.H.Puttaswamy Gowda embarked on his political career by steadily climbing the ladder of success. His unprecedented victory in the Gram Panchayat elections marked the beginning of a remarkable trajectory. Subsequently, he triumphed in the city council elections, securing the position of city council president. The Congress party, which had held power in the municipal council for three decades, faced a seismic shift as Gowda's political endeavors led to their loss of authority. The assembly elections served as the final blow, resulting in the end of Congress' 25-year reign in Gauribidanur.

Celebrations and Gratitude

Upon the announcement of the election results, thousands of fans thronged the Mahatma Gandhi Circle in the city to celebrate Gowda's triumph. They danced, showered him with flowers, and expressed their joyous support. In return, MLA K.H.Puttaswamy Gowda graciously greeted the crowd, shaking hands and expressing heartfelt gratitude. In his message to the constituency, Gowda stated, "I salute all the citizens of the constituency. Thank you all. I will work to clear your debt. I will do as I say. I will keep the trust."

Strategies that worked for Congress

MARCH TO SUCCESS

With Congress all set to assume power in politically-crucial Karnataka, the party on Saturday attributed the victory to Bharat Jodo Yatra led by Rahul Gandhi.

Congress general secretary incharge, Communications Jairam Ramesh said the result is a direct impact of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka, the intangible impact was unifying the party, revitalizing the cadre and shaping the narrative for the Karnataka elections.

The Rahul Gandhi-led 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' which started in Kanyakumari on September 7 last year, concluded on January 30 in Srinagar after covering 3,970 km, 12 states, and two Union territories.

It entered Karnataka on September 30 at Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar district. It passed through Chamarajanagar, Mysuru, Mandya, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Bellary and Raichur, traversing a distance of over 500 km in about 22 days in the state. The march had seen massive crowds during its stay in the state with people from all walks of life joining it. It was hailed as a success but many had raised questions over its electoral impact.

"While this is the direct impact of the Bharat Jodo Yatra in Karnataka, the intangible impact was uniting the party, reviving the cadre and shaping the narrative for the Karnataka elections. It was during the Bharat Jodo Yatra, from the many conversations Rahul Gandhi had with the people of Karnataka, that the promises in our manifesto were discussed and finalised," tweeted Jairam Ramesh. He also said that people rejected the BJP in Karnataka.

"The whole election campaign was about the issues of Karnataka. We did not make it a national election, we made this election for Vidhan Sabha. But BJP made the election campaign like a referendum for PM Modi. JP Nadda said that if you give a vote to Congress, PM Modi's blessings will not be with you.

"The campaigning by PM Modi was totally rejected by the people of Karnataka," Jairam Ramesh told ANI.

The Congress put up a table comparing the party's performance in the 20 assembly constituencies covered during the Yatra.

The list showed that the Congress, which had won 5 of these 20 seats in the 2018 Karnataka assembly elections, took a massive lead and led in 15 seats till 4 pm. The BJP, which had won nine out of 20 seats last in the last elections, was ahead in two. JDS, which bagged six seats in 2018, was leading in three.

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Low margins

Among the seats where the margin was very less, Congress' Dinesh Gundurao won Gandhinagar by 105 votes, Congress' TD Rajegowda defeated BJP's DN Jeevaraya won by a margin of 201 votes from Sringeri Assembly seat. Congress' KY Nanjegowda also defeated BJP's KS Magunta Gowda by a thin margin of 248 votes from Malur Assembly seat. Meanwhile, Congress leader Sowmya Reddy defeated BJP's CK Ramamurthy by a margin of 294 votes from Jayanagar Assembly constituency.

'BJP MUKT DAKSHIN BHARAT'

Hitting out at the Bharatiya Janata Party after the thumping victory of the Congress in the Karnataka Assembly elections, AICC president M Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday said those who wanted 'Congress Mukt Bharat' ended up facing 'BJP Mukt Dakshin Bharat'.

Kharge took a swipe at the BJP, saying egoistic statements will not work anymore and one should understand the sufferings of people.

"Those who wanted to make 'Congress Mukt Bharat' (Congress-free India) spoke many things against us but today one thing has come true and that is 'BJP Mukt Dakshin Bharat' (BJP free South India)," Kharge said at a press conference.

Kharge cautioned the Congress leaders, saying they should work with all humility and remain grounded. He termed the party's win in the May 10 elections as "people's victory" and not that of any individual.

"After 35 years, we got such a landslide victory. This we should remember. We won because we all won together, which otherwise would not have been possible," Kharge said.

He underlined that the victory was the result of collective leadership.

"Because we worked together, we won. If we were scattered, we would have remained in the same condition as we were in the last time (2018)," Kharge pointed out.

—PTI

Leaders who steered party to victory

With the Congress' sweeping victory, many are hailing their success to several party leaders who helped get a clear mandate.

Party leaders like G Parmeshwara, state in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, MB Patil, Shashikant Sethil and Sunil Kanugolu played an important role in ensuring the party's landslide victory.

Surjewala was appointed as Karnataka in-charge in place of Congress General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal in 2020, while, Patil, a powerful Lingayat leader, was made the chairperson of the campaign committee.

The party leaders also said that Patil was behind designing the aggressive campaign in the state with back-to-back public meetings of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, and rallies and roadshows by former party chief Rahul Gandhi and Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra.

He also focused on door-to-door campaign to woo the voters, besides organising a public meeting of former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi in the state after four years.

Meanwhile, Parmeshwara was made the chairperson of the Manifesto, Policy, and Vision Committee.

AApart from the promise to ban Bajrang Dal, the party also announced four more crucial guarantees in its manifesto -- 'Gruha Jyothi' (200 units of free electricity), 'Gruha Lakshmi' (Rs 2,000 monthly allowance to every woman head of the family), 'Anna Bhagya' (10 kg food grains of choice to every person in a BPL family) and free travel for women in Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation and BMTC buses.

The manifesto also had something for the different regions of the state, such as the coastal region, where the party was hoping to gain more seats as compared to the previous elections.

The party's "40 per cent commission Sarkar" campaign also seemed to have struck a chord with the people, who gave a cold shoulder to the Bajrang Dal vs Bajrang Bali debate.

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THOSE FORMULAE DIDN'T QUITE ADD UP

'Gujarat model' in tatters out here

After a resounding success in the Gujarat assembly elections, the saffron party had tried to emulate the Gujarat model of allowing more youngsters to contest and allowing seniors to take a backseat, but the idea backfired miserably.

The BJP tried to field 75 new faces by resting many seniors. However, this model failed as only 14 managed to win. PM Narendra Modi also tried to repeat the road shows he had done earlier in Gujarat in Bengaluru and other places. Although the road shows drew the crowd, it failed to draw votes.

In fact, the massive victory of the Congress in the seven districts of north Karnataka is considered as a major setback for the BJP in its bastion. The BJP, which held 40 seats out of the 56 in the region (after defections), was trailing in several constituencies.

In Belagavi, Uttar Kannada, Haveri, Gadag, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, and Dharwad, the presence of the Lingayat community is high and the community, which has been traditional supporters of the BJP, seemed to have supported the Congress this time, the results showed.

Even though former Chief Minister, Jagadish Shettar, who had switched from the BJP to the Congress after being denied a ticket, lost in Hubbali- Dharwad Central, the manner in which he was forced to leave the BJP was not taken well by the Lingayat community.

The All India Veerashaiva Community of the Lingayats also openly extended their support to the Congress and this was a major boost for the Congress in the run-up to the elections.

BJP headquarters in Bengaluru wear a sombre look; some stinging celebrations at the Congress' headquarters in the city; inset: a file image of PM Modi's roadshow

Many in the Congress also feel that the Bharat Jodo Yatra has played a critical role in boosting the party's electoral fortunes in the state and the results are being reaped today.

DK Shivakumar had also led a Mekedatu pada yatra as well, garnering supporters in Bengaluru and beyond.

How did the turncoats fare? Not so well at all

Eight Congress turncoats who joined the BJP and helped it form the government in 2019, lost in the May 10 Karnataka Assembly elections, for which the results were announced on Saturday.

As many as 13 Congress and three JD(S) MLAs had resigned from the Karnataka Assembly in 2019 thus bringing down the 14-month-old coalition government of the Congress and the JD(S) led by H D Kumaraswamy.

Later, 16 of these MLAs, who were disqualified by the Speaker, joined the BJP and a majority them contested the 2019 Assembly by-polls, won the election and became ministers in the BS Yediyurappa-led BJP government.

On Saturday when the election results were announced, Pratapgouda Patil lost to Basangouda Turvihal of Congress by 13,053 votes from Maski constituency and BC Patil (Hirekerur) by 15,020 votes to Ujaneshwar Basavannappa Banakar of the Congress.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar (Chikkaballapura) lost to Congress candidate Pradeep Eshwar by 10,642 votes, MTB Nagaraj (Hoskote) lost to Congress candidate Sharath Kumar Bachegowda by 5,150 votes while Shrimant Patil (Kagwad) was defeated by Congress' Balaramgouda Alagouda Kage by 8,827 votes.

Mahesh Kumathalli (Athani) was defeated by Laxman Savadi, who had quit BJP and joined the Congress, by 76,122 seats, KC Narayana Gowda (K R Pet) and R Shankar (Ranibennur) lost the election as a distant third.

BJP fielded Siddarth Singh Thakur in place of his minister father Anand Singh, a turncoat, from Vijayanagara constituency, who lost to H R Gaviyappa by 33,723 votes. Roshan Baig and A H Vishwanath did not contest in this election.

However, Shivaram Hebbar (Yellapur), S T Somashekar (Yeshwanthpur), Byrati Basavaraj (K R Puram), N Munirathna (RR Nagar), Ramesh Jarkiholi (Gokak) and K Gopalaiah (Mahalakshmi Layout) won the election. **PTI**

VOICE OF OPPN

"Congrats @INCIndia on the spectacular winning of Karnataka. The unjustifiable disqualification of brother @RahulGandhi as MP, misusing premier investigative agencies against political opponents, imposing Hindi, rampant corruption have all echoed in the minds of Karnataka people while voting and they have upheld the #KannadigaPride by teaching a befitting lesson to BJP's vindictive politics

— MK Stalin, TN CM, DMK

"The message from Karnataka is that the 'antkaal (end)' of the BJP's negative, communal, corrupt, pro-rich, anti-women, anti-youth, socially divisive, propaganda, individual-centric politics has begun. This is a strict mandate of a new positive India against inflation, unemployment, corruption and animosity

— Akhilesh Yadav, Samajwadi Party chief

"This is the beginning of the end of the BJP before 2024 Lok Sabha polls. People have voted against the arrogance and intolerance of BJP. First West Bengal showed the way. From Bengal to Bengaluru, people have started speaking on the same lines. There are Assembly elections in a couple of other states soon. The BJP will also be defeated there. Finally, in 2024 BJP will be thrown out of power by the people of the country

— Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal CM, TMC leader

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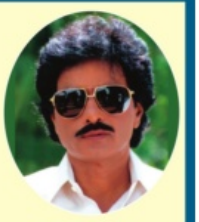

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Forest fire alarm

Forest Dept reaches out to research institute to assess pace of recovery and impact of forest fires

File photo of forest department personnel dousing a small fire that broke out in Chamundi Hill

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According to the Forest Survey of India, Karnataka experienced 865 large fire events between November 1, 2022 and May 12, 2023. A rough estimation says these incidents must have affected forest patches totaling at least 3,000 hectares.

To assess the pace of recovery and the impact of these fire incidents on forests, the Karnataka Forest Department has contacted Environmental Management and Policy Research Institute (EMPRI).

According to the forest department officials, the institute is carrying out a study that will help the department in understanding the rate of recovery of forest sites after fire incidents, as fire has implications for the regeneration of species and change in the properties of soil and forest type too.

"We want to understand whether forest management interventions like planting, seeding, or soil moisture conservation are necessary to hasten recovery –Jagmohan Sharma, EMPRI

"We have requested EMPRI to conduct this assessment to understand the impact of forest fire on forest type and pace at which it recoups. Forests in this part of the country have the tendency to regenerate after a few rain spells. We have witnessed good regeneration due to the presence of a lot of seeds that fall on the ground. However, this happens over a period of time, which varies based on the nature of the fire. Through this study, we want to understand the pace of recovery to understand if human intervention is needed," said a senior official from the Forest Resource Management wing of the Karnataka Forest Department.

Officials say while they are waiting for the Karnataka State Remote Sensing (KSRSAC) Application Center to figure out to calculate the total area impacted during this fore season, an assessment of the forest regeneration rate will give a better understanding of invasive species growth too.

"The forest fire this season is expected to have impacted an area anywhere between 2,000 and 3,000 hectares. KSRSAC is currently looking into it. We are also trying to understand the proliferation rate of invasive species after forest fire incidents. If this proliferation is fast, it poses the danger of changing the forest type. In that case, manual recouping might be required. However, if the native species recoup faster and forest type is maintained, natural recouping might be the better option," informed the official.

EMPRI Director General Jagmohan Sharma told BM that the assessment includes comparing the burnt area characteristics after two, four, six, eight, and 10 years of fire, with an adjoining area that has not had fire. These observations are currently underway in dry deciduous, moist deciduous, and semi-evergreen forests of Western Ghats in Karnataka.

Rate of recovery

"This study is about understanding the rate of recovery of a forest site after a fire incident, as fire has implications for the regeneration of species and change in the properties of soil. We want to understand whether forest management interventions like planting, seeding, or undertaking soil moisture conservation measures are necessary to hasten the process of recovery. If yes, after how many years should such intervention(s) be made?" said Sharma.

According to the authorities, fieldwork for the study is ongoing, and the report should be available in three months.

1,223 new covid cases in country

India reported 1,223 new cases of covid-19 in the last 24 hours, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Saturday.

The active caseload in the country stood at 16,498, the Ministry said.

According to the ministry, 2,720 recoveries from the disease were recorded in the last 24 hours, taking the total number of recoveries in the country up to 4,44,31,137. The recovery rate presently stands at 98.78 per cent.

The daily positivity rate is 0.86 per cent and the weekly positivity rate stands at 1.30 per cent, the ministry said.

As many as 1,636 doses of Covid vaccines were administered during this period. A total of 220.66 crore vaccines have been administered in the country so far.

Level of infection seen recently in B'luru did not have much impact as virus is in endemic stage, says expert

A total of 92.84 crore tests have been conducted so far and 1,42,695 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, the ministry added.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently announced that the COVID-19 pandemic is over as a global health emergency.

However, the viral load and emergence of any new variant still need to be monitored, said Dr Rakesh Mishra, director of Tata Institute for Genetics and Society (TIGS).

Speaking to ANI, Dr Mishra said, "Corona is already in the endemic stage. The level of infection we saw recently from Bengaluru data was more significant than the third wave and would have had a big problem. However, it did not happen because of vaccination, or hybrid immunity. Clinically, the virus is more infectious, but less harmful as it affects the body like the common cold."

–ANI

IPL 2023: Mahipal Lomror's dream come true

Getting an opportunity to play for a team with such a large fanbase is every sportsman's dream. Rising all-rounder Mahipal Lomror, who was picked by the Royal Challengers Bangalore at the 2022 mega auction, considers himself among the proud ones.

Speaking on the latest episode of RCB Bold Diaries, Lomror opened up about his excitement after he came to know that he would be playing for RCB.

"My expectations from the auction were very high. The 2-3 trials I had given had all gone well. Even in the prior IPL seasons I had performed well in the 4-5 opportunities that I got so I expected some team would pick me. So, when RCB signed me, I thought to myself that I will be playing in the same team as Virat Kohli, a team that has such a big name and fanbase. I felt proud."

The 23-year-old has amassed a total of 133 runs in 9 innings in the ongoing edition of the tournament and recently registered his maiden IPL 50 with his bold knock.

"So, when RCB signed me, I thought to myself that I will be playing in the same team as Virat Kohli, a team that has such a big name and fanbase. I felt proud

–Mahipal Lomror, batter

Talking about his 54-run unbeaten innings, Lomror commented, "Before that match, I had not scored much so obviously I wanted to contribute something to the team and help them win. When I got that opportunity after we lost two wickets in two balls my approach was to not think about the results but to react to the situation."

Lomror's friend and coach Chandan Choudhary delved into the exceptional dedication of the player.

"When the IPL season ended last year, he landed back home at around 6 or 7 am and by 10 am he was at the ground. I told him that he could have rested, but he said he needed to put in more effort. He has been playing in the IPL for five to six years, but the Mahipal Lomror that we are getting to see this season is a different one. He is showing a lot of maturity and it feels like he has become a complete player," stated Chandan Choudhary.

The talented player's parents, who also appeared on the episode, expressed their heartfelt emotions about their son's accomplishments with his mother revealing that she generally doesn't watch Mahipal play as she is in the Pooja room.

"We feel very happy to see him play alongside Virat sir. We are very proud of his achievement and will be happy to see him play for India one day," said Mahipal's father Krishan Kumar Lomror.

Lomror will be in action next when RCB travels to Jaipur to play an away match.

–IANS

Mahipal Lomror celebrates his fifty during an IPL match

Dwayne Johnson opens up on depression

Hollywood star Dwayne Johnson told a podcast recently about how he first battled depression when he was at the University of Miami, and he injured his shoulder, which kept him from being able to play on the football team

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The guests arrive

Of course, PC has made to Parineeti's engagement party

Priyanka Chopra landed in Delhi to participate in Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha's engagement celebrations. The actress seems to be in India on a quick visit, sans Nick Jonas.

As the celebration began at Kapurthala House on Saturday evening, Priyanka Chopra was spotted arriving with brother Siddharth Chopra. The actress sported a strapless neon attire for the occasion and waved at the paps from her car. The ceremony will begin with a SukhmSahib Path followed by Ardas. Parineeti Chopra will be wearing a traditional attire designed by Manish Malhotra while Raghav will be seen wearing an Achkan designed by Pawan Sachdev. Around 150 guests have been invited for this celebration. Chief Minister of Delhi and Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Mann are expected to attend Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha's engagement celebration. While there is strong buzz about an October wedding for this couple, there has been no confirmation of the same yet. Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha's wedding date is yet to be fixed. In March this year, Parineeti Chopra and Raghav Chadha were spotted together several times, leading to speculations about their romance. A source had told BT, "They knew each other earlier, liked each other and had common interests, and everything worked out well. Their families have known each other for some time." While all celebrations are taking place in Delhi, Parineeti's Mumbai home has also been decked-up.

Last seen in 'Uunchai', Parineeti's next project is 'Chamkila' co-starring Diljit Dosanjh. Helmed by Imtiaz Ali, this film narrates the journey of two popular Punjabi singers Amarjot Kaur and Amar Singh Chamkila.

—ETimes

Genderless fashion on Cannes red carpet

Content creator and social media influencer Ruhee Dosani is set to make her debut on the red carpet of the Cannes Film Festival. Ruhee, who also has a 9-to-5 job, will be redefining genderless fashion during her Cannes appearance.

Talking about it, Dosani said: "Starting with my We Desi group, then coming back to my country, I had no idea how my journey as an artiste would grow. Taking one Reel at a time, my vision was always to again go global with my craft.

"This milestone opportunity given by the Cannes Film Festival is an artiste's dream! It feels like my talent is being recognised by one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world."

Sharing her feelings on this opportunity, Dosani added: "I believe that this is my chance to showcase how India has always been progressive in its approach. My vision with Cannes this year is to promote the idea of genderless fashion and make a global mark. I will always be grateful to this platform for helping me showcase and support my love for fashion and my country." —IANS

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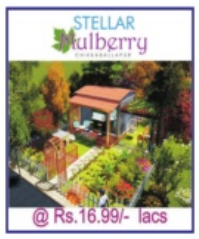

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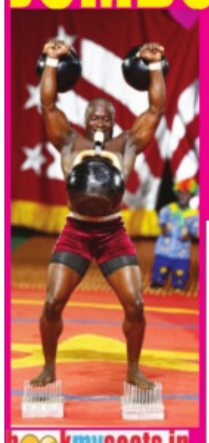

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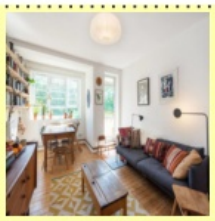

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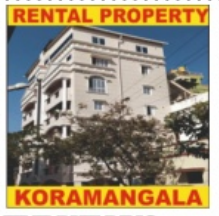

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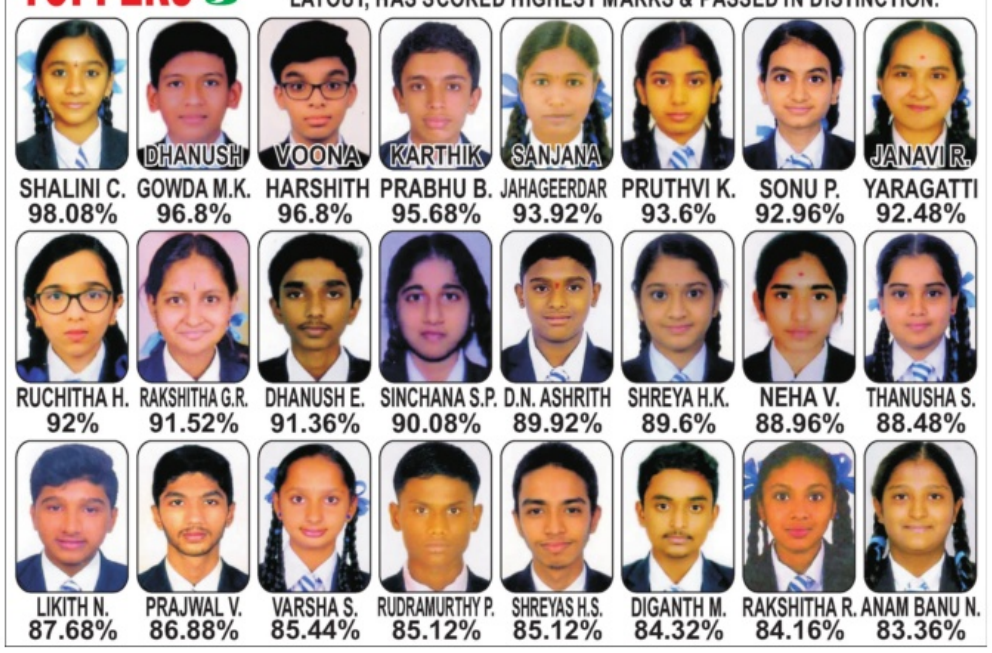

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'No home to return to'

Survivors of Manipur violence speak about things they have lost forever

#Guwahati

Ten days have passed by since one of the worst ethnic clashes broke out in Manipur, but the memories of it are still raw and painful. Many of the survivors who fled to Guwahati from Imphal say their homes have been destroyed during the violence and they have no place to return to.

Their stories are filled with an unmistakable sense of loss and deep sadness due to the violence, the loss of their homes and the difficult time they spent in the relief camps. Some of them even recounted locking themselves in their homes with mobile phone torches as the only source of light.

The clash between the Meiteis and Kukis in Manipur has claimed 60 lives so far. It left thousands displaced, homes razed to the ground and places of worship destroyed.

Gina, who is in her in late 50s, said she is among the "lucky" few to have fled from violence-torn Imphal and is almost resigned to her fate. She was witness to violent ethnic clashes in her home state for the second time in her adult life.

A younger Kan Zou said he and his family members are practically facing a "homeless" existence. His family of four does not know where to return to as their house was torched during the violence.

Mimi, a young woman, said she cannot even think of returning to her home in Imphal. Her husband is still away at trouble-torn Churachandpur, where the violence first erupted on May 3, on work. She is left with the task of looking after her young daughters in a different city. All of them, whom a PTI reporter met in Guwahati, hail from Churachandpur but stay in Imphal for work. Their names have been changed as wanted by them.

The violence had erupted in Churachandpur during a rally demanding ST status for the Meiteis, the dominant ethnic group in Manipur. "I first witnessed ethnic clashes in Manipur way back in 1997. I was a newlywed then and lived in my home district Churachandpur," Gina told PTI, fear and nostalgia writ large on her face. "This time a cousin alerted us on the evening of May 3 and asked us to seek safe shelter. But my family and I did not pay heed and spent that night in the house of our Meitei neighbour," she said.

By the next morning, the situation had deteriorated and Gina and her family of three members immediately decided to seek refuge at the CRPF camp. Even the breakfast she had cooked for the family was left untouched.

"There were thousands already in the camp when we reached it around 11 am on May 4. Many more people were pouring in steadily. We slept on the grass under the open sky as the rooms were so full that a stampede seemed imminent at any moment.

"Water in the toilets ran out fast. Food was limited. We were terrified when some locals in the surrounding areas belonging to another community tried to attack the camp. When they were prevented, they banged on electric poles and shouted insults to intimidate us," Gina, who is a government employee like her husband, said. Kan said he had left his house with his wife and their two children also on May 3 night and took shelter at his brother's residence. He later took refuge at the CRPF camp.

"We left without anything, not even a change of clothes. We never thought things will become so bad," he said.

What shocked Kan was the news that a prominent personality in his neighbourhood reportedly led those who ransacked his house and torched it later. "My Meitei friends who live in the neighbourhood informed me that my house was first looted and then set on fire on May 5. They were helpless as they would have been targeted had they tried to intervene in any way," he said.

Almost all those who fled Manipur blame the political leadership for the ethnic flare-up.

"If leaders start dividing their own people, how can there be peace ?" Gina asked. – PTI

View of charred remains of a house days after violent clashes in Manipur, on Wednesday

10 Kuki MLAs urge separate administration

Ten tribal MLAs belonging to the Chin-Kuki-Mizo-Zomi group in Manipur have urged the Centre to give their region a "separate administration" in the wake of recent violent clashes between the Meiteis and tribals.

Of the 10 legislators, 7 belong to the BJP, two are from Kuki People's Alliance (KPA) and one is an Independent. The two KPA and independent MLAs are also part of the NDA led by the BJP.

"As the state of Manipur has miserably failed to protect us, we seek from the Union of India a separate administration under the Constitution of India and live peacefully as neighbours with the state of Manipur," the MLAs said in a statement on Friday.

The legislators alleged that violence was perpetrated by the majority Meitei community and was "tacitly supported" by the BJP-run state government.

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198 Indian fishermen freed from Pakistani jail

#Karachi

Pakistani authorities have released 198 Indian fishermen, who were languishing at a jail here after being arrested for allegedly fishing illegally in the country's waters, and handed them over to India at the Wagah border. The fishermen were released from the Malir Jail in Karachi on Thursday evening.

Malir Jail superintendent Nazir Tunio said that they had released the first batch of Indian fishermen prisoners and two more batches would be released in June and July.

"We released 198 prisoners on Thursday while 200 and 100 more would be released later on," he said.

Tunio said that 200 Indian fishermen were to be released on Thursday from Malir jail but two of them died due to illness. The two deceased fishermen included one Muhammad Zulfiqar who passed away on May 6 and Soma Deva who died on May 9 after prolonged illnesses. Their bodies have been kept in the Edhi Foundation mortuary till they could be flown out to India. Soma and his nephew were among a dozen Indian fishermen who were arrested at sea some four and half years ago and they were lodged in the Malir jail. Soma was twice sent to the hospital for treatment. Tunio said Zulfiqar died after a massive heart attack.

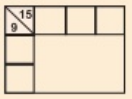
Faisal Edhi of the Edhi Welfare Trust, which arranged the transportation of the fishermen from Karachi to Lahore via train where they were handed over to Indian authorities at the Wagah border, said some of the Indian fishermen also looked unwell. "We do our best to make the journey back home of these Indian fishermen comfortable and easy. After all, most of them have been in jail for the last 4 to five years," he said. Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum General Secretary Saeed Baloch said that under the agreement reached between the two governments, a second batch of 200 Indian fishermen would be released on June 2 and another 100 on July 3. Baloch said he had a lot of sympathies for the Indian fishermen as the majority of them were just out for a livelihood and did not even realise it when they crossed territorial waters between the two countries.

"The sad part is that some of them even end up spending 7 to 8 years in jail before they get a chance to return home," he said. – PTI

Indian fishermen released by Pakistani authorities after crossing over to India from Attari – Wagha border on Saturday

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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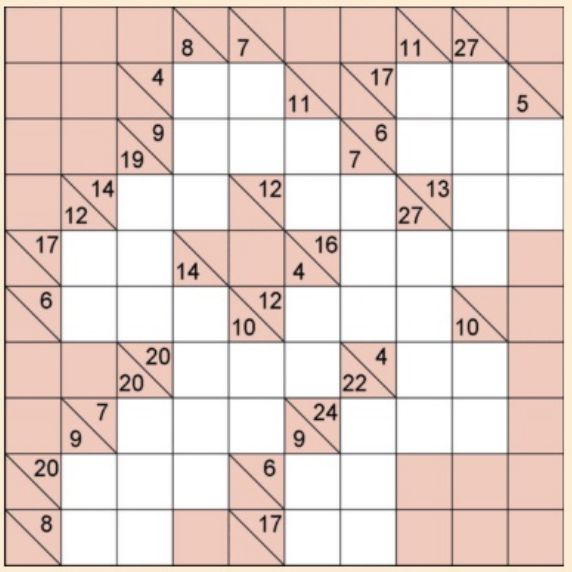

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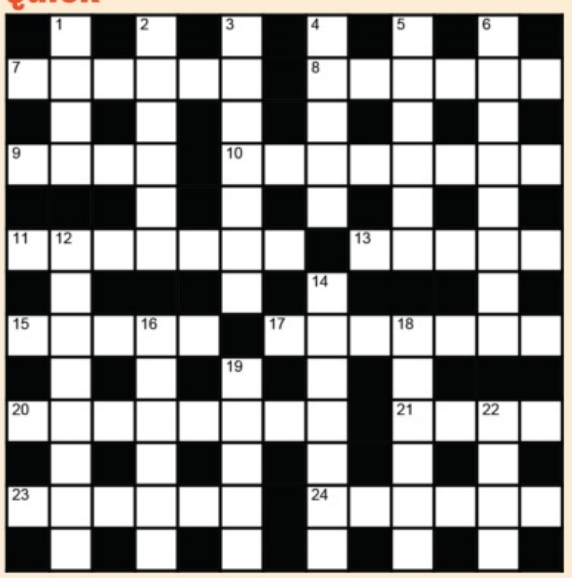


ACROSS

7 Quebec locale (6)
8 Probable (6)
9 Skin tumour (4)
10 Half-hearted (4-4)
11 Battled or boxed with (7)
13 Don clothing (5)
15 Vindictiveness (5)
17 A perfect example (7)
20 Orchestral composition (8)
21 You will find the remnants of his fort in the City Market area (4)
23 Arctic abodes (6)
24 French philosopher Jean Paul ___ (6)

DOWN

1 Slangily crazy (4)
2 Server in a restaurant (6)
3 Balanced; corresponded (7)
4 Similar (5)
5 Kebab stick (6)
6 Outdoors (8)
12 Hit tunes (3,5)
14 Revel (7)
16 Powerful businessman (6)
18 Makes changes (6)
19 Infatuation (5)
22 Strong red wine (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: U EQUALS W

VXF PFLFHR IDAUI UDVW MD-KHBLFQ UF LFPVKQ.

Linemaro

The minute I heard my first love story, I started oking for you

Mindchow

Don't take anything personally. Nothing other people do is because of you. It is because of themselves

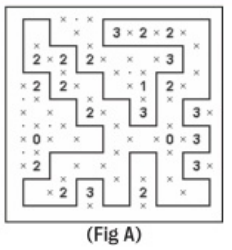
Joke of the day

What's the difference between a used car salesman and a software salesman? A used car salesman knows when he's lying

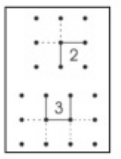
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

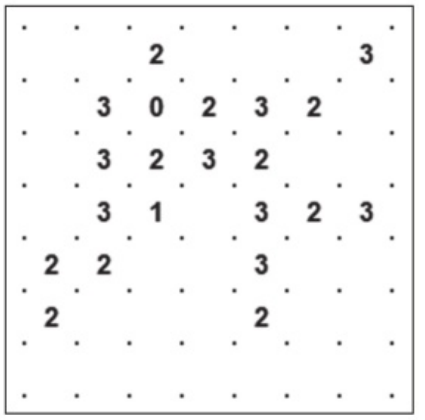


(Fig B) Not Allowed

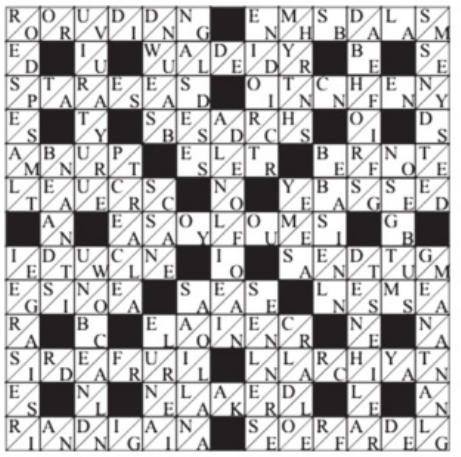
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8	M			
9				

ACROSS

1 Truss; 6 Lip me;
7 Erase; 8 Toe me;
9 Girth

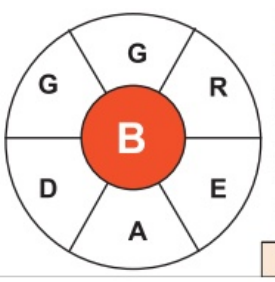
DOWN

1 Err is; 2 I a mum;
3 Progs; 4 The ET;
5 Steel

Mensapuzzle

Letters are traced across the circle by chords. If the next letter is four letters or less away it will be found by tracing around the circumference. Clue: MAKES THINGS LARGER BUT IT IS SMALL (10 letters)

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

20 Average; **22** Good; **24** Outstanding

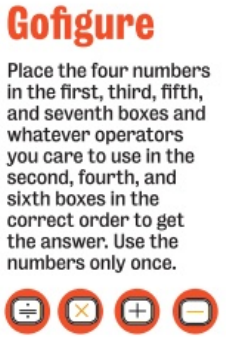
SudokuChallenge

4		8						7
5		7	3		6			
					9	6		
		6		3	2			8
8	3						6	1
1			6	5		4		
		4	9					
			7		3	1		6
3						7		9

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



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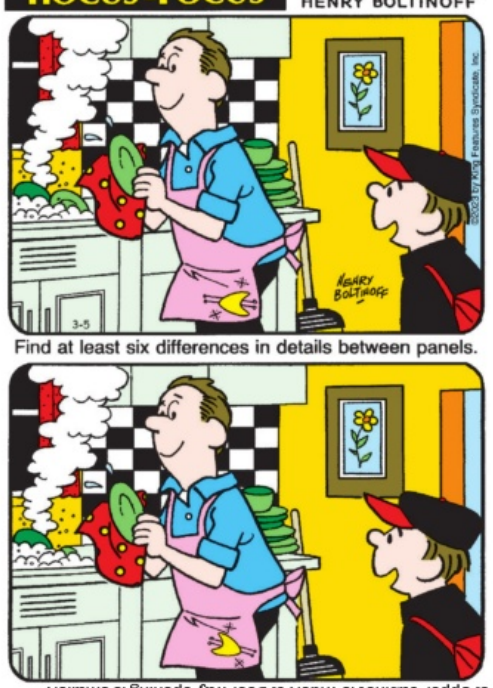


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

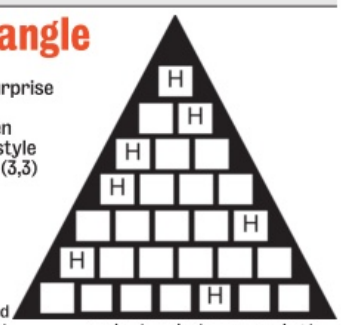
Differences: 1. Broom handle is shorter. 2. Backpack strap is moved. 3. Plate in sink is missing. 4. Design on apron is different. 5. Upper cabinet is wider. 6. Doorway opening is smaller.

Riddler

You are touring an island, but it is not any old island. All the residents here are either a type T or L person. Type T people ALWAYS tell the truth. Type L people ALWAYS lie. Now a person comes up to you and says, "I am a Type L person." What type of person are they?

Alpha triangle

1 8th letter
2 Interjection of surprise
3 Brick carrier
4 Tended the garden
5 Perform biblical style
6 Breeding ground (3,3)
7 Bungled



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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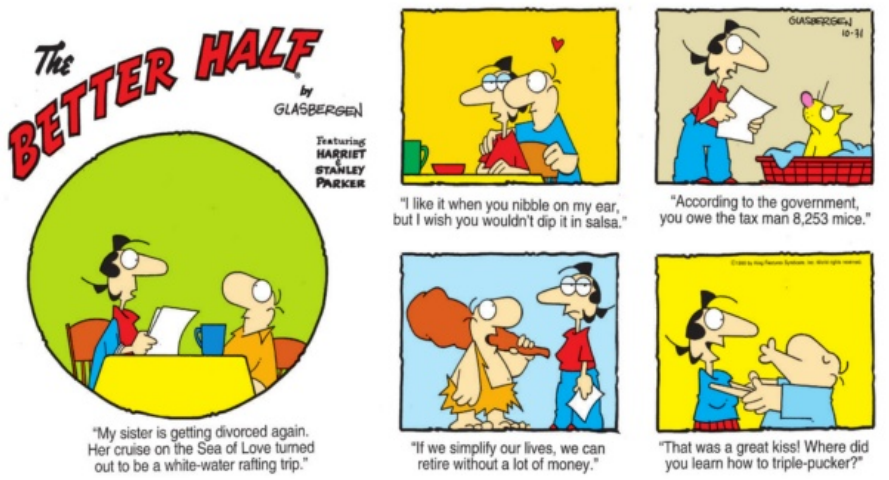

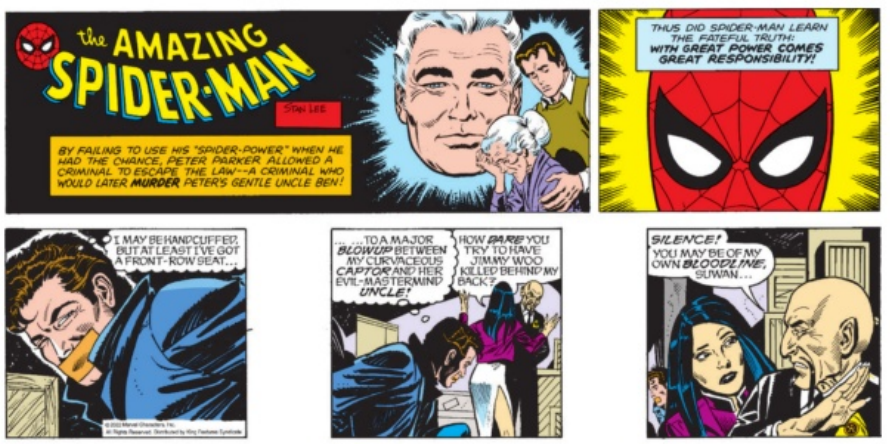

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be able to control your expenditure on worthless things, which may increase your savings. You may be more creative today; you may use your creativity in your office or at home, which may enhance your social status. Love birds are likely to get some support from their family members and friends for marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today's messy situations are now under control. You may feel peace in your mind. You may be able to make a proper balance between expenditure and earnings, which may increase your savings. You are advised to avoid too much travelling or overworking; it may affect your health. Students can start planning for their higher studies. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may face health issues that may make you impatient. You are advised to control your short temper. You may spend your hard-earned money buying worthless stuff, which may affect your savings. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics; otherwise, there might be some breakups.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is a good day. In the business, you may get new clients, which will be helpful for growth in terms of profits. Singles are likely to find their good match. In domestic life, you must avoid hiding anything from your spouse; otherwise, it will create some gap in your relationship. Job seekers are likely to get a new job; there are chances of promotions in their current job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today with the help of your strong network, you may implement your business plans. You may use your wisdom to gain profits. You may also have harmony in your domestic life; there may be good understanding between you and your spouse. Natives related to metal and booking agents will do better.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you are more religious, you may plan to visit some religious places to find peace of mind. You may donate some amount to charity or a spiritual place. People around you may get help and support from you in terms of finances or moral support. You may enjoy every moment with satisfaction and patience.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may have a dull feeling. You are advised to control your short-tempered nature. Your focus is tested many times; you should try to avoid scattering towards your goals. So it is advised not to invest in worthless stuff. Love birds are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you are blessed by the moon; you may make new plans in terms of business, and your colleagues may be with you to implement your plans. You may recover your stuck money from your clients, which may boost liquidity in the business. In the late evening, you may feel some depression, which may affect your sound sleep.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. A decision in a legal matter may come in your favour. Your seniors may be happy because of your hard work, and you may get new responsibilities in terms of promotion. Singles may find their soul mate.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may be happy; you may plan to buy some creative stuff, which may improve your lifestyle. You may also spend on your friends and family members. You may plan to make investments in assets. Singles may have a good match; lovebirds may enjoy their important moments.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may be seeking peace of mind. But the moon's blessings may help you focus on yourself. Investments in property and other assets are advised against. You may have some happy moments in your domestic life, but it is advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse. Disputes with the business partner are likely to be resolved.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; your destiny is likely to be with you. Today, you may be more energetic and focused on your work. Your hard work may pay off in terms of success. Your subordinates may help you. You are likely to go on short work-related trips. Some good news may come from your sibling. You may plan to renovate your house or office, where your creativity will be tested.

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER
A tourist. A type T could not say that, because he would be lying. A type L couldn't say it, because he would be telling the truth. So the person couldn't be either. Also, since your are touring the island, there are probably others too. And a tourist could either lie or tell the truth. In this case, he would be lying.

QUOTE UNCODE
Age merely shows what children we remain.

FAST FIVE

R	U	S	T	S
I	M	P	E	L
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STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
MICROSCOPE.

BULL'S EYE
abed, bade, badge, badger, bagged, bard, bare, bared, barge, barged, bead, bean, beard, beggar, berg, brad, brag, BRAGGED, bread, bred, drab, garb, garbed, grab

SOLVE IN 1M
$-2 \times 3 \div 6 + 7 = -12 + 7 = -65$

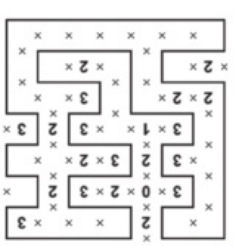
SUDOKU

4	6	8	2	1	5	9	3	7
5	9	7	3	4	6	8	1	2
2	1	3	8	7	9	6	5	4
7	4	6	1	3	2	5	9	8
8	3	5	4	9	7	2	6	1
1	2	9	6	5	8	4	7	3
6	7	4	9	2	1	3	8	5
9	5	2	7	8	3	1	4	6
3	8	1	5	6	4	7	2	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
H, Oh, Hod, Hoed, Doeth, Hot bed, Bothched.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 – 5 – 3 + 1 = 1
Medium
2 x 9 – 5 + 7 = 20
Hard
3 + 4 – 1 x 3 = 18

LOOP



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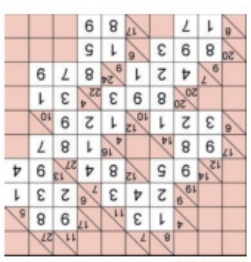

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PRAISEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT

Happy Mother's Day

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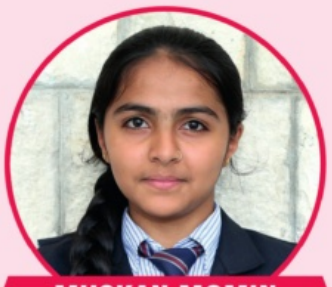
PASS CLASS	: 01

OUR STAR PERFORMERS



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